Surrender of Harkat-ul-Mujahideen activists in Assam

1106. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of dreaded Harkat-ul-Mujahideen (HUM) activists have surrendered in Assam and laid down arms, under pressure from religious leaders;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) whether any further moves have been made/are being made by religious leaders to secure surrender by misguided youth belonging to militant outfits in Assam and Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Toning up of intelligence mechanism

1107. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plan to tone up intelligence mechanism to counter insurgency and to that end propose to set up a multifaceted agency to counter terrorism;

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter indicating details of the plan; and

(c) the steps since taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Group of Ministers (GoM) set up in April, 2000, to review the national security system in its entirety, *inter-alia*, examined all aspects relating to the intelligence set up in the country. The recommendations of the Group of Ministers have been accepted. It is

not in public interest to indicate the details of recommendations in this regard.

Diversion of funds in North-East

1108. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he expressed concern over the diversion of Government and foreign funds to separatist forces in the North-East;

(b) if so, whether Government has since instituted a probe into such diversion of Government and foreign funds; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Recently during the inaugural function of the North-Eastern Council meeting, Union Home Minister has expressed concern over the diversion of Government funds to separatist forces in the North-East. Instances of diversion of Government funds by some of the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in North-Eastern region particularly in Manipur have been brought to the notice of this Ministry. A close watch is being kept on the activities of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs). The State Governments of Manipur and Assam have registered cases against the All Manipur Students Union and Manab Adhikaar Sangram Samiti for their alleged links with the militant organisations. State Governments register cases whenever specific cases of violations of law are detected. Ministry of Home Affairs have issued instructions in December, 2000 to all Ministries/Departments of the Government of India to suspend further allocation of funds to Non-Governmental Organisations in Manipur until a thorough personal verification is carried out of the utilisation of funds by senior officers from the Government of India. Ministry of Home Affairs, in February, 2001 has *inter-alia* clarified that if on inspection, it is found that the funds have been properly utilized, the Central Ministries/Central Agencies can go ahead with the further release of funds as per approved